Full Pilot iPad Meeting

9/18/2012

Attendance : T. Weitz, J. Manning, M. Sakash, L. Stryker, G. Huang-Dale, J. Rhymer, H. Paulding, D. Sturdevant

* There will be 2 3-hour training sessions on a Tuesday afternoon in October, either 10/16/or 10/23.
* Apps bought in bulk are often ½ price; let Joe know what you would like.
* Pat Fox encourages checking out the user guide for ideas and helpful hints.
* Jenn Bartlett reports that her students a making observations with their iPads; they are excited, they are engaged, and it is a PERFECT fit for her Descriptive Biology Class.
* Mike Sakash reports that he is using apps for drills and a great music notation software for his AP Music Theory Class. He has encountered 2 stumbling blocks:

1. A Bad Access Point in the music building, his appleTv times out so quickly.
2. A website he likes to use for student progress tracking is Java based and NOT iPad friendly.

Mike should use Cram 110 (H. Paulding’s room) during Period D for a great access point.

* B. LaCasce reports that apps which are memory intensive have a delay going on to the appleTv.
* Greg Huang-Dale reports that he is using content oriented apps such as UN Country stats, Model UN, and Refugee. His students feel VERY comfortable with the iPad.
* J. Rhymer reports that his textbook is online on iBooks. It is AWESOME and the kids love it. They are racing to get their homework done. There is a great feature of a self-check study questions at the end of each section, within that feature, students write their free response answers directly into the book and that is emailed directly to the teacher! (Joel had to set up a drop-box first). Joel’s students also did an online carbon footprint survey. It was a very interesting discussion as all the students were talking with each other about why certain nationalities had considerably lower rates than others.
* Heidi Paulding reports using the apps Virtual History Roma and National Geographic Today. Also the websites currently in use in the classroom are The Perseus Project (a digital classics library) from Tufts, Nuntii Latini (daily news read aloud in Latin) and PollEverywhere.Com.
* Joe Manning reports that vouchers have to be redeemed in the US app Store. International students need to change their address to 745 Main Street, Fryeburg, Maine 04037.
* Leslie Stryker reported on the wiki. Please sign in or make an account if you do not have one. It is ok to add new members, just let Leslie know and she will invite interested parties. The Wiki is called iPads at FA Wikispace. Leslie has linked the iPad user guide for any help we may need and encourages us to read “Scoop it” which is a very cool daily site. When uploading to the wiki, upload first; then add to page.
* Apps mentioned: Cloud On which is free, and Google Drive which has to be set up on a laptop
* ADD something to the WIKI by our next meeting, Tuesday 9/25 at 2:45 in Billie’s room

Respectfully submitted, Heidi Paulding